Training of Indian Pilots on Hawk Jets at RAF

10. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the first batch of Indian pilots for training on Hawk Jets at the Royal Air Froce Valley in Wales has been sent as per schedule; and

(b) if so, the details of pilots who have been sent for training as a part of agreement between India and RAF?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) the first batch of six pilots (Flying Officers) was sent on 7th July 2004. The second batch of six pilots (Flying Officers) was sent on 20th September 2004.

Organ transplant racket by Army Doctors

11. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Army doctors in the Premier Army Research and Referral Hospital are involved in organ transplant racket;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have arrested some persons involved in the racket; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (d) A First Information Report (FIR) has been filed by the Delhi Police on 6th September 2004 against fraudulent removal of a kidney at Army Hospital (Research & Referral), New Delhi. The matter is under investigation by the civil police. Nobody from the Army Hospital (Research & Referral) has been arrested. An Army Court of Inquiry has also been convened by the Army Headquarters in the matter and the Court of Inquiry, after having examined the departmental witnesses, has not found any culpability of Army doctors of Army Hospital (Research & Referral), New Delhi in the alleged organ transplant racket;